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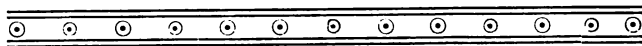
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### HOROSCOPE OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

The RECORD REIGN of sixty years of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, Empress of India, is to be celebrated this month with loyal rejoicing and a splendid pageant.

There can be no gainsaying the fact, the fortunate horoscope of Her Majesty tells very forcibly in favour of the truth of genethliacal astrology. The time of birth is on record, and everyone who knows anything of astronomy and astrology can verify the fact that the greater benefic planet JUPITER was then approaching the upper meridian, the Sun and Moon were then ascending and configured with the degree in the midheaven by trine ( $120^\circ$ ) aspect. The nativity is the finest of any royal one of the present century. At the birth of Her Majesty there were four lives between her and the throne; George III was king, his son George was Prince Regent, and after him his brothers the Duke of York and Duke of Clarence were heirs presumptive; so that the probability of the infant princess ever acceding to the throne was apparently remote.

In the official bulletin the time of birth was given as a quarter past four o'clock in the morning of the 24th of May, 1819, at Kensington Palace. In the "Science of the Stars," published in 1881, we gave the horoscope calculated for that moment of time, for the geographical latitude of the birthplace. Astronomers now correct the geographical to the geocentric latitude, on account of the spheroidal form of the earth. We have, accordingly, re-calculated Her Majesty's horoscope for the *geocentric* latitude, viz.,  $51^\circ 18' 46''$  N., and longitude  $47^\circ$  west of Greenwich. The R.A. of the midheaven is  $20^h 18^m 41.4^s$  or  $304^\circ 40' 21''$  in arc; *Aquarius*  $2^\circ 23' 45''$  culminating, and *Gemini*  $5^\circ 40' 39''$  ascending.

The SUN and MOON in conjunction (*i.e.* new moon) would, according to some old authors, cause "a delicate constitution and

shortness of life." In Her Majesty's horoscope, the Moon has separated  $1^{\circ} 34'$  from ecliptic conjunction with the Sun, but by reason of her  $3^{\circ} 34'$  latitude north she has risen above the Sun, and the arc of her mundane conjunction measures  $5^{\circ} 11'$ . In childhood, Her Majesty's constitution was somewhat delicate, but her vitality and circulation were always good, and her life has already extended to 78 years. The Sun is "hyleg" or the vital body, being but  $2^{\circ} 39'$  above the eastern horizon by oblique ascension, and the great luminary has the semi-quartile ( $45^{\circ}$ ) aspect with Mars; this minor evil configuration subjected Her Majesty to several—happily unsuccessful—attempts on her life by insane people.

MERCURY is but  $11^{\circ} 8'$  above the eastern horizon, by oblique ascension, and is in Taurus  $8^{\circ} 56'$ ; the mercurial sign *Gemini* ascends, and the Moon is but  $5^{\circ} 2'$  from perfect mundane conjunction with the planet. It is an aphorism of the ancients that Mercury ascending and free from the hostile rays of the evil planets confers "noble ideas, inventive power, graceful elocution, and a love of science and art." The (platic) conjunction of the Moon with Mercury ascending, gives "inclination to science, reputation, popularity, and good fortune." The fickleness usually caused by this conjunction is counteracted, in this instance, by Mercury in *Taurus*, which gives firmness, amiability, beneficence, refinement of taste, a ready wit, and high appreciation of music and literature. Again the Moon ascending "augments ingenuity, perspicuity, firmness and expansion"; and the Sun ascending with Mercury, "increases probity, industry, honour, and all laudable qualities." \*

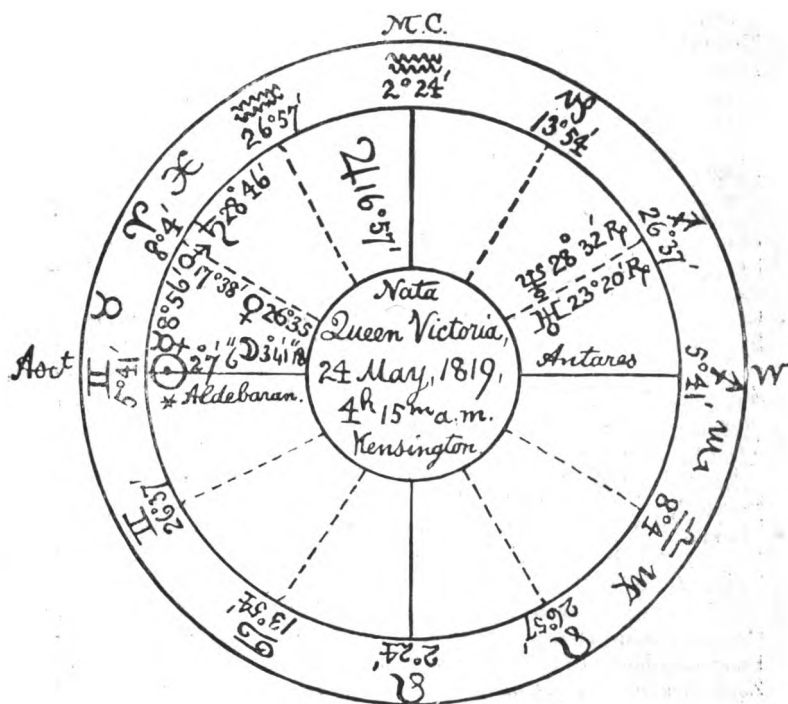
JUPITER in the tenth house (upper meridian), in the fixed sign *Aquarius*, in sextile aspect with MARS in *Aries*, the SUN and MOON in trine aspect with the degree in the meridian, all the planets above the horizon and all but two between the ascendant and mid-heaven, pre-signified great distinction and accession to the throne, although there were four lives between Her Majesty and the queenly state, at the moment of her birth. The great and glorious reign of sixty years is thereby indicated, astrologically. How different was the fate of the ill-starred Princess Charlotte, at whose birth the Moon (hyleg), in the mid-heaven, had the zodiacal parallel (of declination) with Saturn, thus unmistakably pre-signifying the brief life and tragic death of the princess! Ere her 22nd year was completed, her chance of succession to the throne was extinguished by the angel of death.

MARS strong in *Aries*, attended by Venus, and in sextile with Jupiter, pre-signified victory in war and great extension of Her Majesty's Empire. Under evil directional influence, in 1848,

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\* *Tetrabiblos*, iii, c. 18.

1854, 1857 and 1865, the Chartist agitation, the Crimean War, the Indian Mutiny, and the Fenian movement in succession, brought dark days on Great Britain, but Her Majesty's stars piloted us safely through the ordeal, and defeated the machinations of open and secret enemies alike.



Planets		Latitude.	Declin.	Rt. Ascen.	Mer. Dist	Semi-Arc.
		°   '   "	°   '   "	°   '   "	°   '   "	°   '   "
Sun ...	☉	—	20 36½ N	60 1½	115 21	118 0½
Moon ...	☾	3 34 N	24 25 N	60 56	116 16	124 32
Mercury	☿	3 35 S	11 5 N	37 42	93 2	104 40
Venus...	♀	1 56 S	8 28 N	25 21	80 41	100 43
Mars ...	♂	1 10 S	5 51 N	16 41	72 1	97 21
Jupiter	♃	0 39 S	16 23 S	319 37	14 57	68 28
Saturn	♄	2 6 S	2 25 S	359 42	55 2	86 59
Uranus	♅	0 8 S	23 26 S	262 43	41 57	57 14

To Her Majesty the following words of Shakespeare may be well applied :—

“ To whom the heavens, in thy nativity,  
Adjudged an olive branch and laurel crown,  
As likely to be blest in peace and war.”

In 1837, on the Queen's accession, in 1842, when discontent was rife, in 1848 when revolution on the Continent and Chartist agitation in England were appalling the stoutest hearts, in 1857, on the day of national humiliation and prayer appointed when the news of the ferocious mutiny in India arrived, Her Majesty's most loyal subjects could not have dreamed of or anticipated so lengthened, so brilliant, so victorious, and so illustrious a reign as her stars, under the blessing of the Almighty, have secured to her.

In the *Tetrabiblos* it is declared that, “Should the two luminaries be found in masculine signs and in angles [or the Sun by day or the Moon by night,] they being at the same time specially attended by a doryphory [satellitum] composed of all the five planets, the Sun by such as are oriental but the Moon by occidental, the persons then about to be born will consequently become kings or princes.” In this nativity we find both the Sun and Moon just above the eastern angle, in a masculine sign, preceded by the five planets known to the ancients, *viz.*, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Saturn and Jupiter; and the Sun “configured with the angle above the earth” [the mid-heaven,] thus pre-signifying accession to the throne, and that the infant princess then born would “become great, powerful, and mighty in the world”—as stated by the author of the *Tetrabiblos* many centuries ago.

The Queen's marriage was one of affection, and the story of the courtship is very fascinating. The marriage took place February 10th, 1840, in her Majesty's 21st year, as foretold by Zadkiel I (at page 64 of his “Herald of Astrology” for the year 1831, when the Princess Victoria was but 12 years old) from the primary direction of Sun to conjunction with Venus, mundo, converse, 20° 49'. Zadkiel then judged that the husband “will be a well-composed person, tall, having brown hair and a good complexion, of subtle and ingenious mind; rather unfortunate.” The talented Prince Consort was unfortunate in being greatly misunderstood by many politicians who exhibited great jealousy of his influence over the Queen, and in his early death from fever.

Her Majesty gave birth to nine children in eighteen years; her grandchildren and great-grandchildren form a numerous family.

It will be instructive to give the primary directions operating at the critical and eventful periods of Her Majesty's life.

For the information of readers who are unacquainted with astrology, it may be stated that primary directions are arithmetical computations of the apparent motion of any point in the heavens, or of any heavenly body, from the situation occupied by it at the moment of birth until it meets with the conjunction, parallel declination, or aspect of some other body or point. The value thus obtained is termed the *arc of direction*, and it is converted into time by allowing for every *degree* of arc one year of life, and for every five minutes of arc over and above the number of degrees one month.

All directions of the Midheaven are measured by an arc of *right-ascension*. Those of the Ascendant in *mundo* by the semi-arc of the body directed to it, and in the zodiac by oblique ascension.

All directions of the Sun, Moon, and planets may be computed by means of their semi-arcs.

Those directions which are taken in the zodiac are really *mundane*.

Primary directions are formed by the revolution of the earth on its axis, and all those operating during the ordinary span of life are formed within a few hours of the moment of birth.

The place of a heavenly body in a nativity is considered as the body itself, as the heavenly bodies are found to impress their several natures on the places held by them at the moment of birth, as if they were always located therein; thus, if we direct the Sun to conjunction with Jupiter, we mean to the radical place of the planet.

The speculum, or table, appended to the horoscope, as presented in these pages, is indispensable for the purpose of computing forceful directions, containing as it does the latitudes, declinations, right-ascensions, meridian distances, and semi-arcs of the Sun and planets, at the moment of birth.

The rules for computing primary directions are given in our "Text-Book of Astrology," vol. I. Rules for judging of their probable effects are also given.

We have not rectified the official statement of the time of birth of Her Majesty. If we were to do so our opponents would charge us with "making things fit." The time is, no doubt, fairly correct, and a slight rectification would not materially alter the directions of the Sun and Moon to the conjunction, sextile, quartile, trine, opposition, or parallel declination of the planets. Zadkiel I. rectified it by taking the direction of Midheaven conjunction Jupiter to account for the Queen's accession to the throne at 18 years; but as this necessitates altering the time of birth twelve minutes earlier, we are not inclined to do so. The first act of respiration may have taken place two or three minutes before the quarter-of-an-hour stated in the official bulletin, but it is not likely that the physician, Dr. Davis, made an error of

twelve minutes in his observation of the moment of birth ; and, moreover, the birth was "immediately announced to the Privy Councillors"—the Duke of Sussex, the Duke of Wellington, etc.—in the adjoining room. If an error of twelve minutes were possible, then one of seventeen minutes would be possible, for which rectification quite as much could be said as for the former. We prefer to take the official time as fairly correct.

The first event of importance was of course the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Kent, the father of Her Majesty, which took place on the 23rd of January, 1820. As this sad event happened when the princess was but eight months old, we cannot expect to find an arc of direction for it. It is attributable to the natal position of the Sun in semi-quartile with Mars, and it is remarkable that Uranus was then in *Sagittarius*  $26^{\circ} 40'$ , exactly in transit over the longitude of the cusp of the 8th house—that of death.

The death of King George IV., on the 26th of June, 1830, brought the princess one step nearer to the throne, the arc ( $1^{\circ} = 1$  year of life) for this event being  $11^{\circ} 5'$ . We find the following benefic directions then in force :—

Sun sextile Jupiter, mundo, converse ..	10 55
Sun parallel Jupiter, zodiac, converse ...	11 41
and an evil one, also, to account for the death of her uncle—	
Moon parallel Uranus, mundo, direct ...	11° 29'

In her 17th year the princess was much courted and honoured, having several suitors, under the influence of

Moon conjunction Venus, zodiac converse ...	16° 31'
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Her Majesty acceded to the throne on the 20th of June, on the death of her uncle, King William IV. The arc for this great event is  $18^{\circ} 4'$ . The following train of directions then operated, in her 19th year :—

Sun opposition Uranus, mundo, direct...	18 3
Moon sextile Mars, zodiac, direct, sine lat, ...	18 9
Sun opposition Uranus, zodiac, direct ...	18 11
Moon sextile Venus, zodiac, direct, cum lat.	18 17
Jupiter parallel Sun, zodiac conv., first contact	18 37
Ascendant sextile Venus, zodiac, direct ...	18 52

At the 18th Solar return the Sun was in conjunction with Venus.

The courtship, and marriage of the Queen with Prince Albert, took place under the following directions, the arc for marriage being  $20^{\circ} 43'$  :—

Ascendant parallel Venus, zodiac, converse ...	20 43
Sun conjunction Venus, mundo, converse ...	20 49

The new moon previous to the wedding-day fell in the 14th degree of *Aquarius*, i.e., close to the place of Jupiter at birth.



The birth of the Princess Royal took place on the 21st of November, 1840, under the direction of

Sun sextile Venus, zodiac, direct ... 21° 31'

This was foretold by Zadkiel I. as follows :—

"The new moon of the 24th November, in conjunction with Jupiter, falls in aspect with the place of the Sun, and from these influences I predict that Her Majesty will give birth to a daughter near this time."

The 24th year was signalised by the Treaty with China, the war in Scindia, and the birth of Princess Alice, under these directions :—

Sun conjunction Venus, zodiac, converse ... 23 46

Sun quartile Saturn, zodiac, direct ... 23 51

Moon conjunction Mars, mundo, converse ... 24 9

Midheaven sextile Venus, zodiac, direct ... 24 9

It is worthy of remark that Zadkiel I. foretold the Treaty with China, in the face of a general belief that the war might last for years, in the following words :—"The Queen will enjoy honour and happiness, and some famous Treaty, which I deem to be with China, will bid the nation rejoice." This treaty then opened five additional ports to European traders. The war in Scinde, ending in the annexation of that province, was also foretold. The death of the Queen's uncle, the Duke of Sussex, which took place on the 21st of April, 1843, marked the influence of ☉ ☐ ♄ by direction.

The year 1845 witnessed fresh struggles for supremacy in India, and especially with the Sikhs, who were subdued for the time in three great battles at Moodke, Ferozeshah, and Sobraon. "War, grievous battles, and much loss of men," were foretold in *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1845. The following directions were then operating :—

Moon conjunction Mars, zodiac, converse ... 25 58

Moon semi-quartile Sun, zodiac, converse ... 26 20

Moon sextile Jupiter, zodiac, converse... ... 26 29

Midheaven trine Moon, mundo, converse ... 26 45

Moon sextile Venus, zodiac, direct, sine lat. ... 27 1

Sun parallel Venus, zodiac, converse ... 27 1

Ascendant conjunction Mars, zodiac, converse 27 8

By a treaty concluded March 9th, 1846, the Cis-Sutlej district and the Jullunder Doab were annexed to the British territory ; the province of Cashmere, the highlands of Jummo, were to be given up for the expenses of the war. Sir Robert Peel carried the repeal of the corn duties in the summer of 1846.

The year 1848 was a critical one for the monarchs of Europe. England had her own troubles arising from bad harvests (foretold by Zadkiel I.) and great commercial and financial depression.

The Chartist agitation caused great alarm, until its final suppression, and the Court left London hurriedly for the Isle of Wight. These troubles and anxieties arose under the operation of the following train of evil directions :—

Sun conjunction Mars, mundo, converse	...	28	3
Moon parallel Mars, zodiac, converse	...	28	17
Sun parallel Uranus, zodiac, direct	...	28	29
Ascendant parallel Mars, zodiac, converse	...	28	34
Sun semi-quartile Moon, zodiac, converse	...	29	5
Moon quartile Saturn, zodiac, direct, sine lat.		29	21
Midheaven quartile Sun, zodiac, direct	...	29	27

A fresh war with the Sikhs was closed by the victory of Goojerat, February 6th, 1849, and the annexation of the Punjaub followed on the 29th of March, under the following directions :—

Sun conjunction Mars, zodiac, converse	...	29	46
Midheaven trine Mars, zodiac, converse	...	29	56
Sun sextile Jupiter, zodiac, converse	...	30	16

War was declared by England and France against Russia in March, 1854 ; the battles of the Alma, Balaclava, and Inkermann, were fought in the autumn ; the fall of Sevastopol took place in September, 1855 ; and peace was made with Russia in the spring of 1856, under the following influences :—

Moon parallel Saturn, zodiac, converse	...	34	43
Ascendant conjunction Saturn, zodiac, converse		35	11
Midheaven parallel Venus, zodiac, direct	...	35	17
Sun sextile Mercury, zodiac, direct	...	35	25
Midheaven sextile Mercury, zodiac, direct	...	35	52
Midheaven quartile Saturn, zodiac, converse	...	36	0
Midheaven trine Mercury, mundo, converse	...	36	25
Midheaven sextile Sun, mundo, direct...	...	36	41

In May, 1857, the Indian Mutiny broke out at Meerut, as foretold in *Zadkiel's Almanac* for that year ; and Canton was captured in war with the Chinese in December of the same year, under the directional influence of—

Midheaven parallel Uranus, zodiac, converse	...	37	56
Sun parallel Saturn, zodiac, converse	...	38	4
Midheaven trine Venus, zodiac, converse	...	38	44

The Indian Mutiny was finally suppressed by August, 1858, and the Indian Empire was annexed to the Crown under these directions :—

Sun trine Jupiter, mundo, direct	...	39	18
Ascendant sextile Mars, mundo, direct	...	39	34
Sun sextile Moon, zodiac, converse	...	39	54

By direction, the Sun was coming to the place of Saturn, and Uranus was attaining the parallel declination of the great luminary, in the 41st to 43rd years, and those years were overshadowed by the death of Her Majesty's mother (arc =  $41^{\circ} 49'$ ) and that of her consort, the worthy Prince Albert (arc =  $42^{\circ} 33'$ ). The year 1860 was one of trouble. The autumn of 1861 brought a dispute with the Federals of America, which very nearly led to war, the Guards being sent to Canada; and Lancashire was reduced to the direst distress by the American Civil War in 1862, under:—

Sun, conjunction Saturn, mundo, converse	...	40	41
Moon conjunction Saturn, zodiac, converse	...	40	45
Ascendant parallel Mars, zodiac, converse	...	40	46
Venus quartile Sun, zodiac, converse	...	41	49
Midheaven parallel Mars, zodiac, direct	...	41	53
Midheaven conjunction Uranus, mundo, converse	...	41	57
Saturn conjunction Moon, zodiac, direct, sine lat.	...	42	2
Ascendant semi-quartile Venus, zodiac, converse	...	42	33
Saturn conjunction Sun, zodiac, direct, cum lat.	...	42	53
Ascendant semi-quartile Sun, zodiac, direct	...	42	59
The dangerous Fenian movement, in 1865-'66, and "Black Friday," May 11th, 1866, marked the operation of—			
Ascendant quartile Sun, zodiac, direct	...	46	51'

The Queen was re-vaccinated at the beginning of 1871, soon after Her Majesty fell into a debilitated state of health, and suffered with abscess, in the summer of 1872; and in December, 1872, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales nearly died of typhoid fever. The following directions were then in operation:—

Moon quartile Mars, zodiac, direct, sine lat.	...	51	40
Sun rapt parallel Jupiter	...	51	49
Ascendant conjunction Rigel, mundo, direct	...	52	16
Mercury quartile Sun, zodiac, converse	...	52	50

The Afghan war 1878-'9, the Zulu war 1879-'80, the sad death H.R.H. the Princess Alice, December 14th, 1878, and the Boer war and Irish disaffection in 1880, coincided with the arrival of Saturn, by direction, at the declination of the Sun etc:—

Saturn parallel Sun, zod., converse, 1st contact	...	59	41
Ascendant semi-quartile Uranus, zod., converse	...	59	42
Midheaven conjunction Antares, mundo, conv.	...	60	4
Midheaven sextile Jupiter, mundo, direct	...	60	36
Sun sextile Mercury, mundo, direct	...	60	40
Moon quartile Saturn, mundo, direct	...	60	48
Moon parallel Venus, zodiac, converse	...	60	51
Midheaven parallel Saturn, zodiac, direct	...	60	55
Sun trine Saturn, zodiac, direct	...	61	9

In the year 1882, the assassination of Lord F. Cavendish and Mr. Burke, on the 6th May, at Dublin, the Egyptian difficulty, and the destruction of the forts at Alexandria by the British fleet, took place, followed by the victory at Tel-el-Kebir; and in 1883, in March, the dynamitards did much damage in London. These events happened in coincidence with the following directions:—

Midheaven opposition Moon, zodiac, converse	63	0
Ascendant sextile Sun, zodiac, direct ...	63	8
Moon parallel Sun, zodiac, direct, first contact	63	18
Moon quartile Venus, zodiac, direct, sine lat. ...	63	23
Ascendant trine Sun, zodiac, converse ...	63	42
Midheaven opposition Moon, mundo, converse	63	44

In the following year 1884, the expedition to the Soudan (arc=64° 46'), and the death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold (arc=64° 51') took place, under—

Midheaven opposition Sun, converse ...	64	39
Moon parallel Sun, zodiac, direct, sine lat. ...	65	7

In June, 1887, the celebration of the Jubilee of Her Majesty's reign was held with great rejoicing and a splendid pageant, under the Sun directed to the sextile of the Moon, in the zodiac, 67° 57'.

The premature death of H.R.H. the Duke of Clarence and Avondale, in January, 1892 (arc=72° 38') was a terrible blow to Her Majesty, and his parents. The following directions were then operating:—

Midheaven conjunction Mars, mundo, direct ...	72	1
Midheaven semi-quartile Moon, zodiac, direct	72	34
Ascendant quartile Mercury, zodiac, direct ...	72	41

The great crisis in December, 1895, and January, 1896, was safely passed through, for her Majesty had benefic as well as malefic influences then operating—

Ascendant sesqui-quadrate Uranus, m., conv. .	76	40
Sun sextile Venus, zodiac, converse ...	76	41
Midheaven trine Uranus, zodiac, direct ...	76	55
Mars parallel Sun, zodiac, converse, first contact	77	13

The following primary directions spread their influence over the present year:—

Mercury sextile Moon, zod., direct, sine lat.	77	27	Nov., '96
Sun sextile Moon, mundo, direct, ...	77	33	Dec., '96
Ascendant sesqui-quadrate Saturn, m., con.	78	27	Nov., '97
Moon quartile Mars, mundo, direct, ...	78	29	Nov., '97
Venus trine Moon, zodiac, converse, ...	78	34	Dec., '97
Sun sextile Sun, mundo, direct, ...	78	40	Jan., '98
Moon semi-quartile Venus, mundo, converse,	78	47	Feb., '98
Moon parallel Jupiter, mundo, direct, ...	78	52	Mar., '98
Venus parallel Sun, z., d., first contact ...	79	0	May, '98

Six of the above directions are very fortunate, the second, sixth, eighth, and ninth, extremely so. The third and fourth will bring some national trouble and dispute, and warlike measures, in the autumn; indeed next November will be a trying time, for Saturn will then transit the opposition of the place of the Sun at birth. At the 78th solar return, the Moon was in the ascendant and in quartile with Saturn and Uranus in the ninth and with Mercury in the third house. The powerful benefic directions coming due will, we trust, completely overpower the evil ones and the transit of Saturn.

We have mentioned that the Queen's marriage was foretold by Zadkiel I, to take place in her 21st year, nine years beforehand; that the treaty with China, in 1843, was likewise foretold; and that the war in Scinde, in 1845, was also predicted. It will be interesting, perchance, to some of our opponents, to mention that the war with Russia and the Indian Mutiny were also exactly and clearly predicted in *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1854 and 1857. The demise of the Prince Consort was foreshadowed in the *Almanac* for 1861, and Alderman Humphrey, of London, called public attention to the fact from the magisterial bench, for which he was roundly abused by the Press, with one or two honourable exceptions. Press-writers do not seem to like truth and facts when they tell in favour of astrology. Zadkiel I. replied to the strictures of the newspapers in trenchant style in his *Almanac*, 1863, and in 1864 published letters of the Prince Consort thanking him for the horoscope of the Princess Royal. The Afghan War of 1878-'9, the war in Egypt, the expedition to the Soudan, and the great crisis of December, 1895, were foretold by the writer in the editions of *Zadkiel's Almanac* for the years of their occurrence. For October, 1879, it was foretold that: "A fortunate direction in the Royal horoscope tells of gain and victory for Old England;" and in that month Lord Roberts won brilliant victories on the heights before Cabul.

The student will find this nativity a good example for practice, and a valuable means of demonstrating to sceptics that astrological predictions are made on an astronomical basis. It has been asked why the direction of the planet Saturn to the midheaven (M.C.  $\phi$   $\frac{1}{2}$  mundo, direct,  $55^{\circ} 2'$ ) passed off without producing a great crisis or family loss at 55 years of age. The answer is that when the planet Saturn arrived at the midheaven by direction it was in trine aspect with the Sun's place. The year 1874 was not quite free from trouble, for a great famine in Bengal affected 33 millions of Her Majesty's subjects in India.

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN !**

### THE APPALLING FIRE AT PARIS.

The terrible calamity at the Bazaar, on the 4th of May, whereby more than 100 lives were lost, many of the victims being ladies of the aristocracy, including the Duchesse d'Alençon, sister of the Empress of Austria, caused a shock of horror throughout the civilised world; and the families of the victims received the tender sympathies of all classes and nations.

The primary astrological indication of this calamity is to be found in the figure of the heavens for the moment of the full moon of the 18th March, at 9<sup>h</sup> 37<sup>m</sup> p.m., Paris, when *Leo* 18½° culminated, and *Scorpio* 7° 1' ascended, *MARS* being in the *eighth* (the house of death), in *Gemini* 28° 35' in *quartile* with the *SUN* in the *fifth* (the house ruling places of amusement) and *with the MOON* in 28° 34' of *Virgo*, the sign ruling Paris; moreover, the evil planets, Saturn and Uranus, were in the first house. This lunation is of great importance, and bears rule over the spring quarter because it took place but 48 hours before the vernal equinox.

The authorities, neglecting the ancient observance of astrology, elected a most inauspicious moment for the opening of the Bazaar, viz. :—2<sup>h</sup> p.m. of May 3rd, when the Moon passed from opposition with both Saturn and Uranus to conjunction with Mercury, which planet was rendered evil by parallel of declination with Mars—*this conjunction being therefore equivalent to one with MARS* itself!

At the moment of the outbreak of fire, viz., 4<sup>h</sup> 20<sup>m</sup> p.m., according to the graphic account given by M. Gagnard, *MARS* was in the upper meridian within 6° of exact culmination; the Moon was in *Gemini* 15° 3', in transit through the 8th house of the full moon of the 18th of March; the Sun and Venus were close to the cusp of the 8th house; *Mercury* was still in *parallel declination* with *MARS*; and Jupiter in *Virgo* (the sign ruling Paris) was in parallel declination with the martial star *Regulus*. This was, therefore, a most fatal time for the fire to break out, and the relative planetary positions and configurations account for the terrible loss of life among the highest French aristocracy.

It has been asked why the fatality was not foretold in *Zadkiel's Almanac*. We acknowledge an oversight in not having cast the figure of the heavens for the full moon of March 18th at Paris. We did not overlook the fact that the full moon had exact quartile with Mars, but as our satellite had *passed* the 28th degree (and entered the 29th) of *Virgo*—and it is a rule in astrology that when a planet has passed the 28th degree of a sign it must be considered as having already entered the next—we did not think that the configuration foreboded so fearful a

calamity at Paris ; in fact, we considered that it pre-signified bloodshed in the East of Europe, as may be seen at page 28 of STAR-LORE for March.

We hear that in one or two London newspapers, about the 6th of May, a statement was made that in "Old Moore's Almanac" (Roberts's edition) there appeared a forecast of a great calamity at Paris in May. On the 7th of May we received the following note :—

"DEAR SIR,—You have probably seen newspaper references to Old Moore's alleged prediction of the disaster at Paris. Can you favour me with a ten minutes' interview and some information as to whether such a calamity could have been foretold by serious astrology. I shall be happy to keep any appointment you are good enough to make, and I am yours faithfully,

"W. P.

"*The Star*, Soncutter Street.

"May 6th."

We replied, declining the interview, but expressing willingness to answer any questions in writing, and sending a reply to the question propounded in the above note. Let our readers observe that the question is put *seriously*, and we sent a serious answer ; yet the *Star* man charged us with writing "with grave pretence" about the science in the issue of that newspaper of May 10th. He seems to have been nettled that "Zadkiel discreetly prefers to remain pseudonymous, and declined the proffered honour," and was "warned by the stars against seeing a 'Star-man.'"

We wrote that "If the editor of 'Old Moore' really predicted the catastrophe on a scientific and astrologic basis, it is his duty to make it known to the world. Until such fact is proved, we take leave to doubt whether his 'prediction' was based on anything more substantial than intuition, or crystal-gazing, or even mere guess work. We mean no offence whatever by this remark. We are accustomed to speak out, and in matters of science there should be no mystery and no concealment. It would have been possible for an expert in astrology to have foretold the danger of the awful calamity at Paris this week had such expert been furnished with the exact time of the beginning of building the structure in which the bazaar took place. Additional aid would have been available if information could have been given a few days beforehand of the hour of the birth of the duchesses who were the principals in the charitable affair ; for assuredly the danger to their lives by fire would be found indicated in the horoscopes of those ladies who perished in the catastrophe. We shall study the celestial configurations preceding the calamity with assiduity, in order to discover how such dangers may be foreseen in future."

Before we declared what were the astrological indications of the fire, we desired, naturally, to ascertain whether the editor of

"Old Moore" had any scientific ground for his forecast. He has not responded to our inquiry, and the *Star*-man asserts that "Old Moore is a genial cynic, who owns that it was only by a fluke that he predicted the disaster in Paris."

True astrologers do not trust to "flukes," but base their forecasts on the rules of the science, and can always show a scientific basis for their opinions.

The *Star*-man quoted the greater part of our reply to his note, but although he asked for and obtained a serious answer to his serious question, he commented in a mocking and unfair manner upon it.

He wrongly states that we said "that not only ladies, but rulers and leading statesmen, will persist in making false declarations of their ages." We wrote nothing of the sort. What we said was that, unfortunately the true time of birth of a ruler, a statesman, or a great lady, was often not available until after death had taken place.

### NOTES.

The Italian Astronomer Royal has discovered that Venus only rotates once during her revolution round the Sun. This is a startling discovery, in view of the positive assertions of astronomers, for many years past, that the rotation of Venus on her axis "does not vary much from  $23\frac{1}{2}^h$ ."

Mercury has no alternation of day and night, although Schröter said that it had a rotation in  $24^h 5^m 28^s$ .

Mars is frequently departing from the Newtonian theory and teaching. Gravitation has nothing to do with the motions of the heavenly bodies.

The "exactness" claimed for Newtonian astronomy is discounted very greatly now; and it is evidently far from being "the most perfect of all sciences." Even the chronology of astronomers is at fault, as Mr. Dimbleby has abundantly proved.

### LOOKING FORWARD,

JUPITER being now in direct motion again in the sign (*Virgo*) ruling Turkey in Europe, the Great Powers have a grand opportunity of settling the Eastern Question. The wily Turk knows well how and when to take advantage of favourable planetary influences, and he will be sure to play his game skilfully. The *Times'* correspondent states the Note of the Powers handed to the Porte on the 25th of May, expresses their views in "deferentially suggestive form." At the moment of writing (May 26th), it is reported from Athens that England has



declared her intention to abandon the Concert if the Turks prolong their stay in Thessaly until the payment of the war indemnity by Greece.

The second conjunction, this year, of SATURN with URANUS, on the 1st of June, is a disturbing element, and its effects, as we foretold eleven months since, "will fall chiefly on Turkey, Greece, and our South African Colonies." \* At Constantinople this rare and important conjunction takes place at 11<sup>h</sup> 29<sup>m</sup> a.m., when Mercury, ruler of the meridional and ascending signs, is in the ninth house and in opposition with Saturn and Uranus in *Scorpio* 26° 26', rulers of the 5th and 6th, or the 8th and 9th houses reckoned from the 10th. This pre-signifies danger to the Sultan at the hands of rebels and assassins, and his throne will be well nigh as shaky as that of the King of the Hellenes.

At Capetown, the conjunction of  $\text{h}$  with  $\text{H}$  takes place at 10<sup>h</sup> 47<sup>m</sup> a.m., and Mars is then exactly rising in *Leo* 7° 57'. Already an attempt has been made to overthrow the Cape Government, so that our prediction that it would "either be greatly changed or compelled to resign" seems to be on the point of fulfilment. Considerable tact and patience will be required in London, Capetown, and Pretoria, to keep the peace.

JUPITER just risen before the moment of New Moon at London (May 31st), and in trine aspect with Venus, makes for peace, but the conjunction of  $\text{h}$  with  $\text{H}$  tends too strongly in the opposite direction to encourage strong hopes of a settled and lasting peace in Europe and Africa. The Money Market will be in a very unsettled state at the beginning of June, and speculators for the rise in Home Rails and American Stocks had better "bide a-wee."

The Solar Ingress into *Cancer* (Summer Solstice), June 21st, 4<sup>h</sup> 23<sup>m</sup> a.m., London, takes place the day before that appointed for the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of our good Queen, and it is of good omen for that great public festivity. A fine growing season will gladden our agriculturists.

At Bombay Mars rises at the moment of Solar ingress. This is unfavourable to the public health and to the peace of that city. Death will still reap a full harvest, and fatality by violence will be rife, especially at the beginning of July and about the middle of August, when extra precaution should be taken to guard against a fanatical outbreak and conflagrations.

About 102° west, Saturn and Uranus will be in the meridian, and Mars will be setting, at the summer solstice; warlike acts, or physical evils in the shape of earthquakes, may therefore be looked for in Mexico, and perchance in Texas, at the end of June or beginning of July.

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\* Vide *Zadkiel's Almanac* for 1897, p. 15 (June.)

## PHENOMENA—JUNE, 1897.

	H. M.		H. M.	
	Rises.	Sets.	Rises.	Sets.
June 1st, h	6 19 <sup>a</sup>	6 19 <sup>a</sup>	June 18th, d	8 6
" 1st, d	6 4	6 4	" 19th, d	8 7
" 5th, d	6 4	6 4	" 26th, d	8 9
" 7th, d	6 4	6 4	" 26th, d	8 11
" 10th, d	6 4	6 4	" 26th, d	8 14
" 11th, d	6 4	6 4	" 26th, d	8 14
" 12th, d	6 4	6 4	" 28th, d	8 11
" 13th, d	6 4	6 4	" 28th, d	8 11
" 13th, d	6 4	6 4	" 29th, d	8 10
" 14th, d	6 4	6 4	" 30th, d	8 10

## Rising, Southing, and Setting of the Principal Planets, June, 1897.

D M	MERCURY.			VENUS.			MARS.			JUPITER.			SATURN.			URANUS.		
	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.	Rises.	Souths.	Sets.
1st	3 34m	10 57m	6 19 <sup>a</sup>	2 29m	9 26m	4 23a	8 15m	4 2a	11 48a	10 35m	5 36a	0 41m	6 27a	10 56a	3 29m	6 38a	10 54a	3 14m
5th	3 22	10 43	6 4	2 20	9 18	4 16	8 13	3 56	11 39	10 22	5 22	0 25	6 10	10 39	3 12	6 20	10 37	2 58
9th	3 10	10 33	5 56	2 12	9 11	4 11	8 10	3 49	11 27	10 9	5 8	0 10	5 53	10 22	2 55	6 14	10 21	2 42
13th	3 0	10 27	5 55	2 4	9 6	4 9	8 9	3 43	11 15	9 56	4 54	11 52a	5 35	10 5	2 39	5 57	10 4	2 25
17th	2 52	10 26	6 1	1 55	9 1	4 8	8 7	3 37	11 6	9 44	4 41	11 38	5 19	9 49	2 23	5 41	9 48	2 9
21st	2 46	10 28	6 12	1 48	8 58	4 9	8 5	3 30	10 55	9 31	4 27	11 23	5 2	9 32	2 6	5 14	9 32	1 54
25th	2 44	10 36	6 29	1 40	8 55	4 10	8 3	3 24	10 44	9 20	4 14	11 8	4 46	9 16	1 50	4 58	9 16	1 38
29th	2 46	10 47	6 49	1 34	8 53	4 13	8 1	3 17	10 32	9 6	4 0	10 53	4 29	8 59	1 33	4 42	9 0	1 22

N. B.—In the above table *m* after the figures stands for morning, and *a* for afternoon.